

REMARKS

Claims 74-107 are now pending in the application. By this paper, Claims 74-107 have been added and Claims 38-50 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Support for these new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims, and drawings originally filed. No new matter has been added. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 38-47 and 49-50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sharood, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,453,687) in view of Wiggs (U.S. Pat. No. 4,463,571) and Gromala et al.(U.S. Pat. No. 5,533,349).

Claim 48 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sharood in view of Wiggs and Gromala as applied to Claim 38 above, and in further view of Katsuki (U.S. Pat. No. 6,158,230).

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are moot, as Claims 38-50 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

NEW CLAIMS

New Claims 74-107 are added for consideration. New Claims 74-107 are believed to be in condition for allowance in light of the art of record.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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